MEMORANDUM.

Office of the Director-General of the Post Office of India, dated Calcutta, the 3rd March 1892.

A number of Government officers were recently consulted regarding a proposal that service stamps in payment of the postage on prepaid official parcels should in future be affixed by the senders to the receipts handed in at the post office with the parcels, instead of as at present to the parcels themselves; and from the opinions expressed, it would appear that the proposed system is generally regarded as a convenient one. It has, therefore, been decided to introduce it with effect from the 1st April 1892, and the following Notification No. 540, dated the 9th February 1892, has accordingly been published by Government in the *Gazette of India* of the 13th February 1892 :—

"In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 63 of the Indian Post Office Act, XIV of 1866, the Governor-General in Council is pleased, with reference to the rules published with the Notification of the Government of India in the Finance Department, No. 1446, dated the 28th February, 1873, to prescribe the following rule regarding the manner of prepaying the postage on official parcels posted on and after the 1st April, 1892, at any Indian Post Office :—

"In the case of official parcels on which the postage is to be prepaid, the service postage stamps should be affixed by the senders to the receipts handed in at the Post Office with the parcels, and not to the parcels themselves."

2. It has been pointed out by some of the officers consulted that the space in the form of ordinary parcel receipt may be insufficient for the necessary number of stamps in the case of heavy parcels, and it has been suggested that the form should be enlarged. It has, however, to be remembered that the maximum limit of weight of an official parcel is 600 tolas on which the postage is Rs. 4, so that if service stamps of the value of 8 annas are used, only eight stamps will be required to prepay the postage, and it will be found that the blank space available in the form is quite sufficient for eight stamps. It may happen of course that stamps of a lower denomination than 8 annas will have to be used at times even in the case of heavy parcels, and the difficulty can then be met, as it is met by the Post Office in the case of private parcels, by affixing the stamps to a slip of paper and pasting the slip securely to the receipt.

3. In the case of insured official parcels, the stamps in payment of the insurance fee will also from the 1st April 1892, like those in payment of the postage, be required to be affixed by the senders to the receipts handed in with the parcels, instead of to the parcels themselves.

A. U. FANSHAWE,
Director-General of the Post Office of India.

MYSORE STATE RAILWAY.

Birur-Shimoga Railway Survey.

NOTICE.

The 24th March 1892.

The undersigned will receive tenders on or before the 15th April next for daghbelling the centre line of Railway from Birur to Shimoga ; supplying and fixing intersection and springing of curve stones, digging trial pits, &c.

Specifications can be obtained and seen by applying at the office noted below. The undersigned does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender.

ARTHUR H. BUTCHER,
Asstt. Engineer in charge of Birur-Shimoga Railway Survey.

NILGIRI COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.

Ootacamund, the 1st March 1892.

Notice is hereby given that the Collector of Nilgiris and Agent to the Court of Wards will hand over the Nellingham Estate together with all the effects of the deceased Lingaraja Arasugal to Puttaiya and Bellaiya, sons of Nanjamma, step-sister of the said deceased Lingaraj Arasugal, unless restrained by injunction of a competent Court of Law within three months from this date.

J. D. REES,
Collector of Nilgiris and Agent to the Court of Wards.

COORG.

NOTICE.

The 8th March 1892.

Is hereby given for general information that the Chief Commissioner having sanctioned a new market being opened on every Friday in Sirangala of the Ramaswami Kanve Hobli, Nanjarajapatna Taluk, the first market will be held on the 8th April 1892.

G. F. MEIKLEJOHN,
Commissioner.